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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT-STATEMENT ON FLOODS
IN PAKISTAN

1. PAKISTAN HAS EXPERIENCED UNUSALLY HEAVY RAINS OVER PAST TEN DAYS CAUSING EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE AND SOME LOSS OF LIFE. AT THIS MOMENT, THE DANGER OF MASSIVE FLOODING, AS EXPERIENCED IN 1973, IS RECEDING, BUT THE SITUATION COULD CHANGE IF ADDITIONAL HEAVY RAINS COME IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND APPRECIATED HERE IF SECRETARY WERE TO EXPRESS PUBLICLY HIS SYMPATHY FOR FLOOD VICTIMS. SINCE HE WILL NOT BE MAKING AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT, I RECOMMEND THAT FUNSETH RELEASE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE TRAVELLING AND LOCAL PRESS AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL: "ON MY ARRIVAL IN LAHORE, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE HUMAN SUFFERING AND PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE CURRENT HEAVYRAINS AND FLOODING IN PAKISTAN. I AM GRIEVED BY THESE LOSSES AND EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY TO THOSE AFFECTED."

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